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C O N F I D E N T I A L STUTTGART 1758

FOR POLADS

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SUBJ: B-W JUSTICE MINISTER RESIGNS AND FUNERAL SET FOR
SCHLEYER AND TERRORISTS

1. SUMMARY: B-W JUSTICE MINISTER BENDER HAS RESIGNED AS INVESTIGATION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE TERRORIST SUICIDES AT STAMMHEIM PRISON CONTINUES. WE ARE CONFIDENTIALLY INFORMED THAT BURIAL CEREMONIES FOR BAADER, ENSSLIN AND RASPE WILL TAKE PLACE OCTOBER 24 AND THAT OF SCHLEYER ON THE FOLLOWING DAY -- BOTH IN STUTTGART. PLEASE MAINTAIN CONFIDENCE. END SUMMARY.

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2. ON OCTOBER 20 MINISTER PRESIDENT FILBINGER ACCEPTED THE RESIGNATION OF BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG JUSTICE MINISTER TRAUGOTT BENDER IN CONNECTION WITH THE SUICIDES OF TERRORIST LEADERS BAADER, ENSSLIN AND RASPE AT STAMMHEIM PRISON. THIS FOLLOWS ON BENDER'S DISMISAL THE DAY BEFORE OF THE DIRECTOR AND THE TOP SECURITY OFFICIAL OF THE PRISON. ALTHOUGH SPECIALISTS WHO EXAMINED THE BODIES AND CIRCUMSTANCES INDICATE THAT THERE

WAS NO EVIDENCE TO INDICATE THAT THE DEATHS WERE NOT SUICIDES, THERE ARE SO MANY QUESTIONS, POSSIBLY UNANSWERABLE QUESTIONS, ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT RESIGNATIONS AND DISMISSALS BECAME UNAVOIDABLE. ON OCTOBER 20, WITH GOVERING CDU PARTY ABSTAINING, THE LANDTAG VOTED TO BEGIN ITS OWN INVESTIGATION WITH SPECIAL COMMITTEE HEADED BY FORMER B-W JUSTICE MINISTER RUDOLF SCHIELER (SPD).

3. AUTOPSIES HAVING BEEN COMPLETED AT TUEBINGEN, THE BODIES HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO STUTTGART FOR BURIAL. ENSSLIN IS THE DAUGHTER OF A PROMINENT RETIRED PROTESTANT MINISTER IN STUTTGART, WHO HAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED HIS DAUGHTER'S INTERESTS AND WILL CONDUCT FUNERAL SERVICES. BAADER COMES FROM THE CHIEMSEE AREA OF BAVARIA AND RASPE FROM EAST BERLIN. AS THERE HAVE BEEN NO INDICATIONS OF FAMILY INTEREST IN THE OTHER TWO, PASTOR ENSSLIN HAS OFFERED TO CONDUCT SERVICES FOR ALL THREE AT STUTTGART DORNHALDEN-FRIEDHOF AND PERMISSION GRANTED BY OB ROMMEL. THIS CEMETARY, WHILE NOT A PROMINENT ONE, ADJOINS THE WALDFRIEDHOF WHERE THEODORE HEUSS IS BURIED. IT IS THE CEMETERY USED FOR "VICTIMS OF NATIONAL SOCIALISM" AND WW-II BOMBING RAIDS. PASTOR ENSSLIN IS HAVING DEATH MASKS MADE OF THE THREE TERRORISTS. ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE FUNERAL WILL BE ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 24 (PLEASE OBSERVE CONFIDENCE).

4. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN CONFIDENTIALLY INFORMED THAT HANS MARTIN
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SCHLEYER WILL BE BURIED ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, OCTOBER 25, AT 10:30 A.M., WITH A REQUIEM MASS CONDUCTED BY CATHOLIC BISHOP MOSHER. THUS WE SHALL HAVE TWO CEREMONIES HERE IN CLOSE SEQUENCE, WITH TIME ENOUGH REMAINING FOR DEMONSTRATIVE SYMPATHIZERS TO GATHER FOR THE CONTRASTING EVENTS.

5. WE SHALL BE ALERT TO INDICATIONS OF DEMONSTRATIONS, PEACEFUL OR VIOLENT -- PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT MIGHT BE DIRECTED AGAINST US INSTALLATIONS OR INTERESTS. WE HAVE HAD NONE YET; BUT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE LAST MESSAGE OF SCHLEYER'S ASSASSINS DIRECTED THEIR THREAT OF REVENGE AGAINST THE BUNDESKANZLER AND HIS "IMPERIALIST SUPPORTERS" AND THE FACT THE US PRESS INDICATES THAT WE AND THE BRITISH HELPED TO ARRANGE THE RESCUE AT MOGADISCIO, IT IS PROBABLY WORTH KEEPING EYES OPEN AND GUARD UP.

6. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT THE CDU GOVERNMENT IS MUCH EMBARRASSED BY THE STAMMHEIM AFFAIR, KNOWING THAT ITS OWN PERSISTENT ADVOCACY OF A HARDER LINE AND ADDITIONAL LAWS TO DEAL WITH TERRORISTS (INCLUDING THE "CONTACT BAN") IS SOMEWHAT AT VARIANCE WITH APPARENT LAXITY AND "CODDLING" OF TERRORIST PRISONERS AT THE "MOST SECURE" MODEL PRISON AT STAMMHEIM AND IN-

ABILITY TO ENFORCE THE CONTACT BAN. THIS ALSO APPEARS AGAINST
THE BACKGROUND OF B-W INTERIOR MINISTER SCHIESS' EARLIER
PUBLIC REVELATION OF CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE CRISIS STAFFS
"DRAGNET" PLANS SHORTLY AFTER THE SCHLEYER KIDNAPPING; GUARDS
SCUFFLING SEVERAL MONTHS AGO WITH THE PRISONERS DURING THEIR
"COMMON HOURS"; THE BUGGING OF THE PRISONERS; AND THE UNBE-
LIEVABLY LONG DELAY IN TAKING LEGAL ACTION AGAINST LAWYER
CROISSANT -- WHO IS NOW IN FRANCE AND IN WHOSE STUTTGART
OFFICES MOST OF THE CURRENT TERRORIST CROP SERVED PART OF
THEIR APPRENTICESHIP. WHETHER THE SPD/FDP SPONSORED LANDTAG
INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE CAN MAINTAIN THE STANDARDS OF IMPAR-
TIALITY AND SOLIDARITY SET IN BONN REMAINS TO BE SEEN. LOCAL
EDITORS ARE ALSO HIGHLY CRITICAL.

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